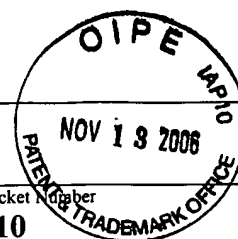


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Application Number 09/462,337	Filing Date April 17, 2000	Examiner David S. Kim	Art Unit 2613
Title METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING SIGNALING AND CONTROL INFORMATION FOR WAVELENGTH- DIVISION MULTIPLEX NETWORKS FOR USE IN OPTICAL, FIBER-BOUND INFORMATION TRANSFER		Applicant(s) Klaus-Peter Zeffler et al.	



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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Office Action made final dated July 7, 2006 finally rejecting claims 14 to 23 and 27. Applicants believe that claims 14 to 23 and 27 should be allowed, and respectfully make this appeal of the Examiner's rejections of those claims.

This is also a Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) by which Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action made final so that the response time is extended from October 7, 2006 to November 7, 2006.

Applicants are filing herewith a Response in the present application for consideration by the Patent Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee, which is believed to be \$500.00, and the 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) one-month extension fee, which is believed to be \$110, to the deposit account number 11-0600 of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**. The Commissioner is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees, including any additional Rule 136(a) extension fees, or credit any excess fees to deposit account number 11-0600 of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**. Two duplicate copies of this paper are enclosed for those purposes.

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